



HEADQUARTERS POLICY FLASH

POLICY FLASH 2003-21

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TO: Procurement Directors
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Amendment to 10 CFR Part 600 and Notification of New OMB Grants Management policies

SUMMARY: This Policy Flash distributes a final rule and provides notification of two new grants management policies.

1. Amendment to 10 CRF Part 600.

A final rule that amends the Department's financial assistance regulations was published on August 21, 2003 at 68 FR 50646 (See attachment). This rulemaking establishes administrative requirements for financial assistance awards to for-profit organizations. The rule will become effective on October 1, 2003.

2. Notification of Two New OMB Grants Management Policies

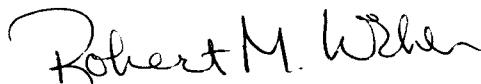
OMB recently published two new grants management policies. Our target date for issuing a Financial Assistance Letter (FAL) implementing these policies is September 30, 2003. We are providing this notification to help you plan for FY 2004 financial assistance solicitations.

The new grants management policies are:

- Applications for new or renewal grants or cooperative agreements received on or after October 1, 2003, including applications of plans submitted under mandatory grant programs, must include the applicant's Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The DUNS number will be a required data element on the application form (e.g., SF 424 and DOE F 4620.1). See 68 FR 38402, dated June 27, 2003.
- Program announcements of funding opportunities (e.g., solicitations) must be in the standard government-wide announcement format. We have developed a DOE-wide template to implement the standard announcement format. The Word® announcement template will be available on IIPS. A FAL will provide additional guidance on the DOE announcement template. This template must be used for announcements of funding opportunities that would result in the award of discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. See 68 FR 37370, dated July 23, 2003.

If you have questions regarding the rulemaking or the new OMB grants management policies, contact Trudy Wood at (202) 586-5625 or by e-mail at trudy.wood@hq.doe.gov.

Attachment


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